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Invention: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PROCESSING PREDETERMINED PROGRAM DATA

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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 29, 2005, finally rejecting claims 1-3, 5-10, and 12-17, the Advisory Action dated December 12, 2005, and prior to Examination of this application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows: